

The Wisdom of Napoleon—No. 5

What Is Courage—the Two-o'clock-in-the-Morning Kind?

"THE TWO-O'CLOCK-IN-THE-MORNING COURAGE IS RARE."—NAPOLEON.

Our men today are fighting in the front trenches. Stories of heroism, victory and marvelous endurance will come with details of the war.

What is courage?

Is it a mental or a physical quality? Is it a combination of both qualities?

There is no man as brave physically as a bulldog.

There is no bulldog as brave as a game cock.

No game cock is as desperate a fighter as the mole in his fighting season.

There are insects smaller than your finger nail—ants, for instance—whose courage exceeds that of the mole.

Some of the tiny creatures in your blood fight with a desperate energy surpassing that of all the others combined.

What is courage?

Take a thousand women at random, and a thousand men, standing outside a burning house. To enter the house means death, and each of the men and each of the women has a child in the house.

There is considerable doubt as to the number of men that would enter that house. There is no doubt at all about the women. Out of the thousand women every one would rush in, regardless of consequences, to save her child.

Voltaire went to jail for his opinions, risked everything in fighting superstition. But had not the physical promptings of courage to make him purchase a heavy cudgel and thrash the insolent noble whose lackeys had thrashed him.

Sam Johnson, much less of a man than Voltaire, when threatened, bought a big oak stick and announced his intention to thrash anybody. Nobody bothered him.

Was Voltaire a coward? Was Sam Johnson, shivering in the presence of a king, really more courageous than the physically timid Voltaire, who defied kings and judges for the sake of principle?

What is courage?

Here is an interesting thing that Napoleon says about it. The quotation is taken from one of his conversations with Las Cases:

"As to moral courage, I rarely met with the TWO-O'CLOCK-IN-THE-MORNING KIND; I mean unprepared courage, that which is necessary on an unexpected occasion, and which, in spite of the most unforeseen events, leaves full freedom of judgment and decision."

Napoleon says, with a simple egotism that often distinguishes real ability: "I myself possess the two-o'clock-in-the-morning courage in a high degree. I have met with few persons equal to myself in this respect."

The two-o'clock-in-the-morning courage of which Napoleon speaks might superficially be considered the highest kind of courage.

The bravest deeds in history are usually performed before crowds. An audience produces in human beings an exciting effect similar to that of alcohol. Almost any man will jump off a moving ship to save a child if hundreds are looking on. How many men will do the same if no one is looking on?

Men have lived in herds and have acted in herds. They are brave in herds, rarely so brave left to themselves.

Was Galileo a coward when, under pressure, he denied that the earth moved round the sun? Was Cranmer a coward when he signed his recantation? If so, was he brave afterward, when he recanted his recantations and held in the fire, until it was burned to a crisp, the hand with which he had signed the denial of his faith?

Why do we call a man brave who risks or throws away his LIFE freely? If he does the same thing with his MONEY we simply call him reckless or a spendthrift.

Darwin believes that courage has been bred in us gradually through thousands of centuries. When the wolves attack a troop of buffaloes the brave bulls in the herd stand with their horns toward the wolves and fight to the last to protect the cows and calves.

These naturally arouse the admiration of the rest. The bravest animals in the herd are chosen as fathers of the next generation, and so, according to Darwin, courage is gradually bred into all animals, including men.

Courage may perhaps be defined as "the power of one set of emotions, such as ambition, fatherly affection, or religious conviction, to overcome the all-pervading instinct of self-preservation."

The display of bravery involving the risk of life means practically the conquest and subordination of the instinct of self-preservation. The question of bravery then, perhaps, comes down to this question:

Which is the noblest cause that can lead a man to overcome his instinct of self-preservation and risk his life?

If this can be accepted as fair, the quality of bravery depends on the instinct which calls it forth.

We often advise young men to choose subjects for debate. We recommend to them this particular subject: "What is the highest form of courage?"

THREE HURT WHEN TWO CARS HIT SAME POLE

Ray Baker, Director of the Mint, and two other persons are recovering today from slight injuries received last night when two autos collided with the same trolley pole at Calvert street and Connecticut avenue.

Mr. Baker, with Charles Lloyd, twenty years old, of 500 Summer court, was going north when the

machine skidded into the pole. They were treated for bruises and abrasions by Dr. Lewis S. Green, 2625 Connecticut avenue. The car was damaged \$500.

When an auto owned and operated by Lawrence H. Higgins, twenty-two years old, 1547 Newton street, and occupied also by Clyde Higgins, same address, and Miss Mary A. Van Horn and Miss Mildred Michels, 310 D street northeast, collided with the pole while going north, Miss Van Horn was thrown to the street. She received first-aid treatment at the residence of Robert Colgate, 2631 Connecticut avenue.

SCOUTS' CORN CONTEST TO BE HELD SATURDAY

The corn harvesting contest by the Boy Scouts of the District on the farm conducted in East Potomac Park will probably take place Saturday, it was learned today. Teams of four boys each will compete for awards ranging all the way from \$50 to \$4.

KALIPOLIS TO USHER IN HALLOWEEN MERRILY

"Watch your step." With this slogan the Kalipolis Grotto Drill Corps will usher in Halloween with a costume ball at Raucher's Wednesday night. Chairman Prophet Henry Lansburgh and the committee on arrangements are exerting every effort to make this affair long remembered in Grotto-dom. Valuable prizes will be awarded for dancing and unique costumes.

DISTRICT RENTALS HAVE GONE UP 10 PER CENT

The report of the housing committee of the District Council of Defense to the main council, which will be made this week, will show an increase of 10 per cent in the rentals asked for all classes of houses and apartments in Washington. According to Dr. W. S. Woodward, chairman of the committee, it is still possible for unmarried persons to find accommodations here, despite reports to the contrary.

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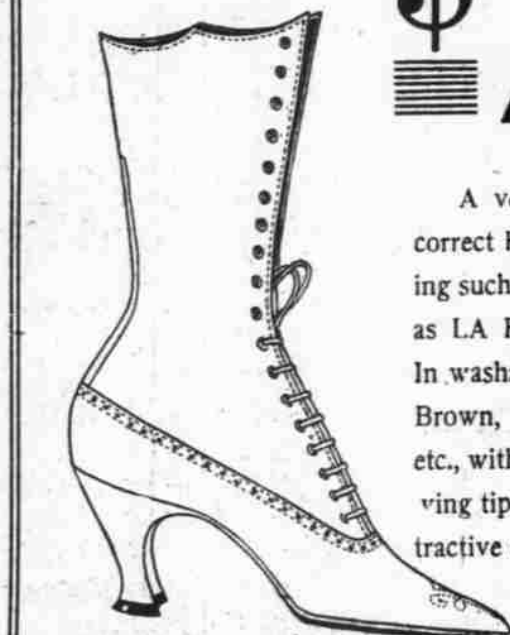
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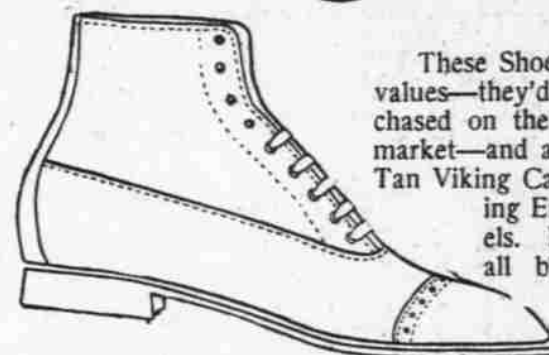
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